



St. Catherine's
RC Primary School

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News from St. Catherine's R.C. Primary School

'Be who God wants you to be and so set the world on fire.'

Welcome Back!

A warm welcome back to the new school year.

The children have returned to school full of energy and ready to learn after the holidays. They look very smart too.

We are very proud of our Reception children who have made a super start to their time in Primary School. Our Nursery children have finished their stay and play sessions today and start their full sessions on Monday. We have welcomed four new children in other year groups, from as far afield as Australia, India and Cheadle! Welcome to you all!

Keeping everyone safe...

All parents will have received the updated Key Information for Parents prior to starting school this term. Please read this carefully so that you are familiar with the expectations.

We must continue to socially distance and we ask that everyone coming onto the playground wears a mask. For everyone's safety, please make sure that you keep socially distant from staff and leave the playground promptly.

Please do not engage staff in prolonged conversations at the beginning or end of the school day. Please contact the school office if you want to talk to a member of staff and this will be facilitated.

Thank you to everyone who is following this guidance. It will help to keep our community safe, well, and in school.



Virtual **'Meet the Teacher'** presentations giving lots of information about each year group were circulated last week. They are also available on the class pages on website.



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Healthy and Safe School



St. Catherine's is a **NUT FREE SCHOOL**. This applies to breaktimes, lunchtimes and any events in school. We have an increasing number of children in school with food allergies and the consequences of this can be very serious indeed.

In **Early Years and Key Stage 1** children are given a piece of fruit for their snack so there is no need to send anything in with the children for breaktime.

In **Key Stage 2** children can bring a snack, but this is limited to fruit, breadsticks or plain crackers—no cereal or fruit bars, fruit winders, cheddars, cheese dippers or crisps.

Healthy eating also applies to lunchtime so packed lunches need to be appropriate—**no sweets or chocolates**. We are trying to reduce single use plastic in school, so please be conscious of this also.

Our partner High School, The Barlow, is holding an Open Evening on Thursday 23rd September 5pm-7pm—please go along and see this wonderful school first hand.



**The Barlow RC High School
& Specialist Science College**
"If you believe you can achieve!"

SERVICE - PRAYER - ACHIEVE - RESPECT

Open mornings, **by appointment only**, will take place on Monday 27th & Tuesday 28th September and Monday 11th & Tuesday 12th October. Please call to book: 0161 445 8053

Parking

Parking is an issue for all schools but we must show courtesy to our neighbours. We all understand that there is very limited parking in the area around school.

However, we have ongoing complaints from neighbours about parents blocking driveways, parking on pavements making deliveries impossible and sometimes reports of the verbal abuse that residents are receiving. If possible, please walk to school or, park away from school and walk the rest of the way. We want everyone to show courtesy as an example to our children.



Congratulations to Miss Ortiz on the birth of Valentina!

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St. Catherine's has been reaccredited for the
International Schools Award GOLD



Here is a flavour of the assessor's comments:

"This is an excellent Impact Evaluation of a very strong international programme. It is clear that the international ethos is firmly embedded within the school. You have also gained the Silver Rights Respecting Award further demonstrating that your pupils are aware of the world and their position in it.

You have a long-established exchange programme with two Spanish schools, involving over 370 pupils over the years. This is no mean feat in a Primary School and you should be proud of this achievement, despite having to curtail it recently due to the COVID situation. I have no doubt it will revive once conditions allow.

The Rights Respecting task is an interesting extension of international activities which the pupils have clearly embraced. They have examined their own rights and those of children in other countries, particularly in respect of having the right to the best health care possible, clean water to drink, healthy food and a clean and safe environment in which to live.

The long-term impact on pupils, staff, parents and the wider community of your international work is clear and the international dimension is firmly embedded in your curriculum. I wish you well as you progress along your international journey."

Mrs Taylor's magnificent work was also rightly recognised.

"Congratulations on working so hard to co-ordinate such an impressive range of work as an International Co-ordinator! You are a credit to the school and the wider community."
Thank you Mrs Taylor - you are amazing!

A major part of our school is our wonderful PTA. The AGM will be held virtually on Tuesday 28th September at 7pm. Further details, including the meeting link will be sent out to everyone next week, as all parents are automatically members of the PTA.



We do need people to take a leading role in this vital part of our school. Please consider coming forward to be Chair as it would be heart-breaking if we couldn't form a PTA committee for this year.

Your PTA and school need you!

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**We love
our new
playground
equipment!**



The Dolce school meals are going down a storm. Today we served over 240 children. Please remember to pre-order your child's meal so they have something that they want to eat. Also, please talk to your children about the meals they have preferred and change the option if necessary. Don't forget, you can order on a daily basis.



What a difference!

We have a super new entrance to our school. This has been a massive step forward and at long last visitors do not need to cross the playground to get into school.



Children arriving after 8.45am, now need to go to the new entrance. This does not apply to our Nursery arriving for 8.50am.

Congratulations to everyone involved in **Cross Country** on Wednesday. The whole team performed brilliantly. Isla came first in the girls' race and Isaac was second in the boys' race. Well done!



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